(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation from the service Doctors organisations

2874. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service doctors have again appealed to Government to institute a judicial enquiry for fixing responsibility for the non-implementation of agreement pertaining to promotions and financial benefits:

(b) whether the Joint Action Council of service doctors organisations had sent a fresh representation to Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The JACSDO have urged Government to institute a judicial enquiry with regard to non-implementation of certain provitions of the Memorandum of Settlement dated 21-8-89 and to fix responsibility for taking action against persons found to be at fault. It has been decided to entrust certain points of disputed interpretations in respect of above Memorandum of Settlement for consideration etc. to a Committee headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) and including senior representatives of Department of Expenditure and Personnel.

International conference on AIDS

2875. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixth International Conference on AIDS was held recently in San Francisco:

(b) whether the conference opined that the world is still under the dark about ways of coping with the virus that causes the illness;

(c) what were the subjects discussed in the conference; and

(d) what were the decisions taken and what steps India is taking to tackle the problem of AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The conference covered all major areas in AIDS research and management including epidemiology, clinical problems, AIDS problem in special groups such as homosexuals, HIV drug addicts, prostitutes, women and children, diagnostic tests, therapeutic agents and potential candidate vaccines. In addition to the medical and basic-science topics, special attention was paid to the psycho-social, ethical and legal of AIDS.

(d) The conference emphasised the fact that health education plays key role in prevention of HIV infection Facilities for counselling and care of sero-positive persons and AIDS cases are to be built up in all countries because of the increase in number of persons requiring these service in the nineties Research efforts for finding curative drugs and effective vaccine should be continued. Sentinel surveillance to monitor trends in prevalence of HIV infection should be strengthened

Government of India has drawn up Medium Term Plan for Prevention of AIDS. In the Medium Term

Plan, it has been decided to strengthen the existing facilities for treatment of AIDS infected patients. The expansion of the facilities include:—

—providing clinical care to patients with HIV infection.

—providing counselling to the patients and their spouses/refatives.

—providing continuous medical care to the out-patients.

—collecting data on clinical profile, immunological profile, HIV opportunistic infections and other manifestations of infection.

—providing training facilities to medical and para-medical personnel in the management of HIV patients.

Setting up of a plastic raw material depot at Paradeep

2876. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa had sent a proposal to the Central Government in September, 1989 for setting up a plastic raw material depot at Paradeep ;

(b) whether any decision has since been taken by the Central Government thereon; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no decision has yet been taken, what are reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) The proposal made by the Government of Orissa for setting up of a Petro-Chemical terminal at Paradeep has been considered by a Committee which has suggested that such a terminal facility at Paradeep Port is feasible. The Committee has also recommended that the organisation desiring to set up such a port facility may have to ascertain the demands from the down-stream units and also undertake detailed techno-economic feasibility before an investment decision is attempted. The recommendations of the Committee have been made available to the State Government of Orissa for appropriate action. The State Govt. has also been requested to contact the Ministry of Transport who are concerned with the development of ports.

Medical services for the employees of ONGC at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh

2877. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regular physician to look after the health of ONGC employees stationed at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, who conducts medical check up for the new recruits in the absence of full time physician ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission has two medical officers for its employees at Rajahmundry. In addition, ONGC has also empanelled specialists practising at Rajahmundry for specialist advice wherever necessary.

Sanctioning of agencies of Petroleum products under Ministries quota

2878. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) how many agencies for petrol and petroleum products have been